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REUR 199 NOTAL ON PUBLICITY RE EARLY RETURN TO JAPTAN. INFORMAL INFORMATION ALREADY HAS WIDELY CIRCULATED ON EARLY RETURN AND TO DATE ONLY ABC NEWS AND PUBLIC TV NOVA OF BOSTON INDICATED DESIRE TO COVER EVENT. IT IS REALIZED THAT ONCE OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE ISSUED GIVING EXACT DATE OF RETURN THERE MAY BE SOME ADDITIONAL MAINLAND USA PRESS INQUIRIES HOWEVER THESE CAN BE HANDLED ON INDIVIDUAL CASE BASIS BY PROVIDING GENERAL INFORMATION SINCE OBVIOUSLY TIME WOULD NOT PERMIT ADDITIONAL PRESS REPS PROCEEDING TO UJELANG OR ENEWETAK FROM USA. FURTHER OUR INTERPRETATION OF EARLY RETURN IS THAT THIS INITIAL PHASE IS NOT QUITE IN SAME CATEGORY AS THE PROPOSED RETURN TO BIKINI OR FUTURE FINAL RETURN TO ENEWETAK OF ENTIRE COMMUNITY. UNCLASSIFIED

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THOSE PRESS GROUPS PRESENTLY INTERESTED EARLY RETURN ARE PROPOSING COMPLETE DOCUMENTARY NOT ONLY COVERAGE OF PHASE OF EARLY RETURN OF SMALL GROUP OF WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. BELIEVE ESSENTIAL THAT TTPI PIO BE REPRESENTED AT JAPTAN END SO THAT GENERAL STORY AND OTHER INFORMATION MAY BE RELEASED TO PRESS AGENCIES AFTER EARLY RETURN OCCURS.

MAJOR KNAPP DNA WHO WILL BE AT ENEWETAK COULD COLLABORATE WITH TTPI PIO ON STORY OF ACTUAL RETURN. HOWEVER IF MNS, GUAM OR HONOLULU PRESS REPS WISH TO COVER ACTUAL RETURN FROM ENEWETAK END TIME PERMITTING THESE WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS. ACTING DOTA RICE SENDS.

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